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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 3255

3.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR UNGA KS SN

SUBJ: SINGAPORE POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE AT NAC AND UNGA

REF: SINGAPORE 3068

1. SUMMARY. SINGAPORE HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS AT NAC. GOS IS ALSO CONSIDERING SHIFTING ITS POSITION AT UNGA FROM PREVIOUS POLICY OF ABSTENTION TO ONE OF POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR ROK. MFA HAS ALSO CONFIRMED THAT RELATIONS WITH ROK WILL SOON BE UPGRADED BY RAISING ROK CONSULATE GENERAL TO AN EMBASSY. SAME OFFER WILL BE MADE TO DPRK. END SUMMARY.

2. DCM CALLED ON DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA TAN BOON SENG JULY 28 TO FOLLOW UP ROK VICE FOREIGN MINISTER THO'S DISCUSSION ON JULY 15 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER REJARATNAM ON KOREAN ISSUE AT NAC AND UNGA (REFTEL). TAN SAID GOS HAS DECIDED IT WILL SUPPORT ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS AT THE LIMA CONFERENCE. HE NOTED THAT ALL OF THE

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ASEAN GOVERNMENTS HAD DECIDED TO TAKE THIS POSITION. DCM POINTED

OUT THAT NAC REACHED ITS DECISIONS THROUGH PROCESS OF OBTAINING A CONSENSUS, AND THAT IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IF THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD ADDRESS THE NAC IN SUPPORT OF THE GOS POSITION. TAN HESITATED, BUT FINALLY SAID HE DOUBTED WHETHER THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD ACTUALLY ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE ON THIS SUBJECT. (COMMENT: IF TAN IS CORRECT, THIS WOULD REPRESENT SOME SLIPPAGE BY GOS SINCE ROK VICE MIN LHO ADVISED DCM THAT RAJA HAD PROMISED TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ADMITTING BOTH KOREAS.)

3. DCM SHOWED TAN COPY OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA (STATE 169436) WHEN HE SAID HE HAD NOT YET SEEN IT. AFTER READING IT THROUGH QUICKLY, TAN SAID IT CONTAINED A NUMBER OF PHRASES WHICH DPRK WOULD NOT LIKE. HE NOTED THAT GOS HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHAT POSITION IT WOULD TAKE ON THIS ISSUE THIS YEAR, BUT SOME CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO SHIFTING FROM PREVIOUS POLICY OF ABSTENTION TO A POSITION OF POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREA. HE CONCLUDED THAT THE QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED CAREFULLY AND MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON DEVELOPMENTS PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE 30TH GA.

4. WITH RESPECT TO BILATERAL RELATIONS, TAN SAID THAT THE ROK CONSULATE GENERAL WOULD PROBABLY BE RAISED TO AN EMBASSY BEFORE TOO LONG. HE SAID THE SAME OFFER WOULD BE MADE TO THE DPRK. HE NOTED THAT PRIME MINISTER LEE HAD STATED THIS PUBLICLY DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO JAPAN.

COMMENT: ABOVE CONVERSATION GENERALLY CONFIRMS INFORMATION REPORTED REFTEL WHICH INDICATED GOS IS SHIFTING TO A MORE PRO-ROK POLICY. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT IF DPRK FAILS AT LIMA TO EXCLUDE ROK FROM NAC THAT GOS WILL SUPPORT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AT UNGA.
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